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HAMAD, Mahmud Muharram

EGYPT

Mahmud Muharram Hamad, Egyptian Ambassador to Argentina, is accredited Minister to Chile and Paraguay and, according to one report, to Uruguay as well. Intelligent and hardworking, he is diplomatically correct, although on occasion during private conversations he has presented a somewhat candid opinion of his government's policies.

Hamad was born in Cairo February 10, 1908. He was graduated from Cairo University's Faculty of Law in 1928 and later continued his studies at the Institute of Higher Studies in Geneva while assigned to the Egyptian consulate in that city. He was an attaché at the Egyptian Legation in Paris in 1929 and at Brussels in 1930 and was assigned to the consulate in Geneva from 1931 to 1936. He served as vice consul in Paris from 1936 to 1937. In 1931 he worked with the Egyptian delegation to the Disarmament Conference at Geneva; in 1937 and in 1938 he was a member of the Egyptian delegation to the League of Nations Assembly. From 1939 to 1946 he was Secretary of the Legation at Bern.

Friendly and likable, Hamad is nevertheless somewhat reserved in manner. He possesses a quick temper which he has learned to control, and he has been described as intense about both work and recreation. He seems to be genuinely friendly with Americans and he told a United States official in Argentina that he knew a number of high-ranking officials in the United States Government, including Allen Dulles.

Very little has been reported concerning his activities in South America. Apparently he was working at one time to persuade Paraguay to send a diplomatic representative to Cairo, and on another occasion he told an American official that he was trying to obtain Paraguay's support for Egypt on "minor issues" in the UN General Assembly. It is believed that he has been less important within the Egyptian Embassy in Buenos Aires than the Egyptian Military Attaché.

(\*\*) About July 1957, Hamad was appointed Egyptian Ambassador to Iran.

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